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Rumania - Warsaw Pact: [Rumania has told the USSR that it no longer considers its forces directly subordinate to Warsaw Pact control,]

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[During a mid-June meeting with Rumanian officials in Bucharest Soviet Marshal Grechko, commander of the Warsaw Pact, complained about Rumania's insubordination in Warsaw Pact activities. Rumanian Defense Minister Salajan countered by saying that the Rumanian Army is subordinate to the Rumanian Government, not to the pact, and that any pact decision must be first accepted by the government.]

[Salajan's remarks suggest a rejection of the Warsaw Pact chain of command established in 1955, whereby he and the other East European defense ministers are deputy commanders in chief of the Joint Command and thus subject to Grechko's military orders.]

[Grechko encountered equally stiff opposition from party First Secretary Ceausescu and President Maurer. Grechko tried to convince them that Rumania should obtain more and better military equipment to bring its army up to Warsaw Pact standards. Ceausescu and Maurer took the position that the army is adequately equipped for its present defense needs, adding that Rumanian industry would meet future needs as much as possible. This implies that Rumania intends to curtail military procurement from the USSR.]

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France-UK: [De Gaulle seems to be moving cautiously toward a closer relationship with Britain.]

[In separate talks with Lord Avon and Lord Mountbatten last week, the French president stressed the importance of improving relations between Paris and London. An improved atmosphere in French-British relations resulted from Wilson's visit to Paris in April.]

[Since then the two countries have taken steps to implement the agreement reached there to explore possibilities for bilateral industrial cooperation and to exchange views on the Middle East and Africa. They have signed specific agreements for joint production of military aircraft and related equipment, and will undertake working-level talks on Africa on 30 June - 1 July.]

[One of De Gaulle's aims in advocating closer relations may be to make the British more receptive to changes he may intend to propose in the North Atlantic Treaty. In his talks with Lord Mountbatten, as also in recent conversations with American officials, he broached the possibility of replacing the treaty with a series of bilateral treaties after 1969.]

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Congo (Brazzaville): Extremists in control of the country's single political party are apparently attempting to carry out a broad purge of military elements which have resisted party domination. Alleged evidence of plotting by some senior army officers was apparently presented last week in the course of continuing trials of "counterrevolutionaries." Some 20 military personnel are reportedly now being investigated for involvement in the plot.

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Yemen: In a recent meeting with Yemeni Premier Numan, Nasir agreed to the retention of all six Yemeni cabinet ministers that he previously sought to remove and also extended Egypt's financial subsidy of the Yemeni Government for another two months. Nasir presumably feels that the setbacks that followed the recent withdrawal of Egyptian troops from outlying areas of Yemen has sufficiently underlined the Numan government's ultimate dependence on Egypt. Meanwhile, both Numan and Nasir apparently hope that progress toward a settlement of the civil war can be made through early contacts with Saudi King Faysal.

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India-Pakistan: The agreement [scheduled to be] signed today on a cease-fire in the Rann of Kutch is expected to lessen pressure on Prime Minister Shastri to avenge India's setbacks in the Rann, and to reduce tensions elsewhere along the two countries' borders. Any negotiations for the drawing of the boundary are likely to take several months, however, and may yet give rise to further serious frictions.

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Hungary: The party and government changes announced on 28 June will strengthen party leader Kadar's hand in carrying out established policies by downgrading additional Stalinist remnants in high party positions and elevating younger party members who have long supported him. Although Kadar relinquished the post of premier to his friend and long time associate, Gyula Kallai, he retains full control of the party mechanism and thus of the regime. There is no evidence of Soviet pressure for the Hungarian reshuffle, which Kadar was reportedly considering last fall but delayed because of the Khrushchev ouster.

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